

## GREECE READY TO FIGHT BULGARIA

Convinced That War Is Imminent Over Possession of Saloniki.

### ALLIES SPLITTING APART

Rumored That Battle Is Fought Between Bulgarians and Servians.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] Vienna, April 18.—It was reported here to-night in official circles that the Greek government has become convinced that it will have to contend with Bulgaria at Saloniki. The Greeks have mobilized 120,000 men at that point and are now fortifying the town from both land and sea attacks. It is not believed that the Bulgarians will give up their contention that they have a claim upon the territory without a struggle.

**Lacks Confirmation.**  
[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] London, April 18.—The report of an engagement between Servian and Bulgarian forces near Kumanova lacks confirmation. It is said here that the report originated in Vienna. The Austrian government is known to be anxious to create ill feeling among the Balkan allies.

**Open Clash Reported.**  
[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] Vienna, April 18.—Dissatisfaction with the allotment of the territorial spoils of the war with Turkey has resulted in an open clash between Bulgaria and Servia, according to reports reaching here to-day.

One dispatch tells of a battle between Bulgarians and Servians near Kumanova, in which the latter were defeated and eighty killed and wounded. A Saloniki dispatch reports that the Bulgarians have been ordered to march against Monastir, while the Servians are concentrating three divisions at Velea against the Bulgarians.

**Terms Accepted.**  
[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] Vienna, April 18.—Three members of the Balkan alliance have accepted the terms of the great powers for mediation, and the powers will be so notified to-morrow, according to a report published here to-day. Servia, Bulgaria and Greece are said to have decided to accept the peace terms and to have advised King Nicholas of Montenegro to do likewise.

In the meantime, all of the allies are making active military preparations to hold captured territory in the event of the peace negotiations failing.

The Greeks are making every military preparation to hold Saloniki, which is now held jointly by the Servians and Bulgarians.

King Nicholas issued a proclamation at Cetinje to-day in which he explained that owing to the withdrawal of Servian forces, he was compelled to abandon his campaign at Scutari.

## BARTER IN FLESH HAS NOT CEASED

Inhuman Conditions Are Found at "Baby Farms" in Chicago.

Chicago, April 18.—Inhuman conditions at "baby farms" in Chicago were revealed to-day in the Illinois House committee's investigation of maternity homes and other institutions where children are kept. They were such as to bring from Chairman Thomas Curran the assertion that the barter of flesh has not ceased, and that dealing in babies is the "most distasteful business existing."

The representatives were told that mothers contracted for the disposal of their infants before birth, signing an agreement which stated that they would never see said child, but do release and abandon it forever.

They were informed that babies were shipped out of the State when only a few hours old, and their mothers were hired out to nurse the infants of the wealthy.

Superintendents of maternity homes admitted they kept no record; that once a child was sent away there was no return.

## FORMER COUNTESS TO WED



Mrs. Copley Thaw, formerly Allice, Countess of Yarmouth, who will be married on Tuesday, April 22, in Cumberland, Ga., to Geoffrey Whitney, of Boston, Mass.

nothing by which it could be traced.

"But don't you ever inquire how these babies are treated—whether they live or die?" inquired Chairman Curran, of Dr. Charles S. Wood, of the Union Park Maternity Home.

"We keep no records at all," the testimony brought out the fact that 85 per cent of the unmarried patients in the "lying-in hospitals" are girls from out of the State, who come to the city to hide their shame. The heads of the homes said they advertised extensively that they had "babies for adoption," but that such advertisements are blind. They asserted the demand for infants exceeded the supply.

The doctor said he spent \$1,500 in advertising, mostly in the form of advertisements. He charged patients from \$100 to \$200, he said.

## MESSAGE IS FOUND FROM JOHN J. ASTOR

Scratched on Piece of Board Floating Near Where Titanic Sank.

Boston, Mass., April 18.—A small board, bearing a pathetic message, scratched in the wood as if with the point of a nail and signed "John J. Astor," was brought to this port to-day by Captain J. Willis, of the British tramp freighter Longsight.

This scratched message is, as far as known, the very last farewell from the wreck of the White Star liner Titanic, which went down April 15, 1912.

The gallant death of Colonel John Jacob Astor, who left a young wife and an unborn child, was one of the tragedies which marked that greatest of ocean disasters.

Colonel Astor, it is believed, must have sent this final message when he realized the Titanic was sinking.

Captain Willis found the board floating in the Atlantic as the Longsight was plowing her way through the waters at about the latitude and longitude where the Titanic sank.

As soon as he arrived in Boston, Captain Willis wired Mrs. Madeline Force Astor, the widow of the Colonel, informing her of the message from the grave. He is holding the message for Mrs. Astor's eyes alone. A reply is expected hourly from Mrs. Astor.

**Denies Engagement.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] New York, April 18.—Peter Cooper Hewitt said to-night that he had received a cable from his brother-in-law, Maurice Edmund Burke-Roche, in Europe, denying that he is engaged to Ysabel, daughter of the Marquis d'Alcedo, a Spanish nobleman. The en-

agement was reported yesterday in Rome, where the D'Alcedo family and young Burke-Roche have been spending the winter.

**May Prevent Diphtheria.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Weisbaden, April 18.—Professor Emil von Behring, of the University of Marburg, announced to-day that he had perfected a method of prolonged immunization against diphtheria which is highly effective and absolutely harmless.

The treatment consists of an injection of a mixture of toxin and an antitoxin. Tests have extended over a period of many months. The professor offered to supply clinics with the prophylactic, provided they would furnish him with records of observation and registration.

**A NOVEL MISSION**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] New York, April 18.—William Russell is going to Europe early in June on a novel philanthropic project.

Accompanied by moving picture operators, she will visit England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Russia and Italy for the purpose of making pictures of the women workers in those countries. She intends next winter to lecture on the subject of labor slavery in Europe. The pictures will illustrate her addresses. Miss Russell said to-day:

"I intend getting material that will ease the discontent of women with their lot. I think that our women live in an industrial paradise compared with other nations. I am going to get pictures of Englishwomen dragging coal trucks like beasts of burden for a shilling a day.

"I will show Belgian and Dutch women tugging at plows and harrows and pulling barrows like oxen. I will show the field labor of women in Austria, Germany, Russia and Italy. I will show the abominable conditions under which the poor live and toil all over Europe.

"During the congressional campaign next fall I shall go on the stump with my motion pictures in aid of those candidates who favor protection of American industries."

**Capital City League Games To-day.**  
Baltimore vs. Boston. Baltimore vs. Philadelphia. Baltimore vs. New York.

Collegians vs. Bell Telephone. Lee Park. Empires vs. Grays. Barton Heights. Empire vs. French.

**GERMANY'S FOREIGN MINISTER**

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### GALAXY OF ROYALTY

Many Rulers Will Witness Wedding of Kaiser's Daughter.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] Berlin, April 18.—The preparations now being made for the wedding of the Kaiser's daughter to Prince Ernest of Cumberland promise it to be one of the most brilliant ceremonies ever seen in Europe. The galaxy of royalty which will be present will include the Kaiser, Kaiserine, King George and Queen Mary of England, Czar of Russia, the King and Queen of Italy, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, King of Denmark and probably the Kings of Roumania and Norway.

The estimated value of the presents which the bridal couple will receive is placed at \$250,000. The Kaiser's gifts will be several articles of jewelry of his own design, while scores of gifts will come from the royal families of Europe and various German cities have voted a total of \$50,000 for wedding gifts.

### VOTED DOWN IN CHARLOTTE

Majority of 446 Cast Against Commission Form of Government.

Charlotte, N. C., April 18.—Charlotte defeated the commission form of government here to-day. Out of a registration of 3,362, 1,236 votes were cast for the measure, thus defeating the commission plan by 446 majority. A new aldermanic charter was also voted on, but received but 127 votes.

### CHARLES R. CRANE HERE

Declines to Say Whether or Not He Will Become Ambassador to Russia.

Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, to whom President Wilson has tendered the appointment as ambassador to Russia, is the guest of John Skelton Williams in the latter's new home on the Cary Street Road. Mr. Crane was asked last night whether or not he had arrived at any decision, but he had no statement to give out. It is regarded as doubtful in Washington that Mr. Crane will care to surrender personal supervision of his manifold business interests for a diplomatic appointment.

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## HEAVY SHIPMENTS INTO "DRY" TOWN

Two Thousand Gallons of Liquor Received in One Week at Newbern.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Newbern, N. C., April 18.—Since the search and seizure law and the Webb bill went into effect, the local office of the Southern Express Company has greatly resembled a big liquor warehouse. Formerly much of the whiskey coming to this city, was shipped by freight, and a visit to the warehouses a few weeks ago would have convinced even the most skeptical that there was much whiskey consumed hereabouts. Now, the railway companies are not handling any large shipments, and consequently the bulk of the business has gone over to the express company. Last week it was estimated that there were 2,000 gallons of whiskey sent here from Norfolk and Richmond, and this week bids fair to eclipse this record. Yesterday the express company issued ninety-two money orders to whiskey houses and the post-office issued ninety-seven money orders.

Upon the arrival of the train from the North and also from Norfolk, a number of trucks are always required to handle the consignments of liquor. However, the police are keeping tabs on all the shipments received, and it is believed that there is less "blind tipping" since the whiskey has begun to come by express than there was before.

A two weeks' term of the United States Circuit and Federal Court for the Eastern District will convene in Newbern on April 25, with Judge H. G. Connor, of Wilson, presiding. At this time there will be a large number of cases of violation of the internal revenue laws, and the first week will be taken up with the disposal of these. There are several defendants in jail in this city awaiting trial, and also a number at Kingston and Goldsboro. The second and last week will be taken up in the disposal of the civil cases.

## NO FOUNDATION FOR BIBLICAL TALE

Professor Paul Haupt Discredits Story of Final Day of Judgment.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Philadelphia, Pa., April 18.—That there is no biblical foundation for the story of the final day of judgment, was declared by Professor Paul Haupt, of Johns Hopkins University, in an address to-day before the American Philosophical Society.

"The Book of Zechariah, which Jews, as well as Christians, give as authority for the description of the last judgment, he said, 'refers merely to a municipal plan for municipal improvements laid out by the Maccabees. The language has been misinterpreted.'

The speaker declared Baalzebub had been described as the 'father of flies, not lies, as the horror of those insects was shared in biblical times.'

**NEWSPAPER MEN FLEE.**

Fire in New York American Plant Causes Excitement.

New York, April 18.—The editorial and mechanical staffs of the New York American were forced to flee from their building, near the Brooklyn Bridge Terminal, at press time early to-day by a threatening fire.

The blaze originated in the engine room from an explosion, and ate its way rapidly around the pressroom, while dense clouds of smoke poured over the elevator shafts, making the escape of more than a hundred workers on the upper floors seem perilous, but all got out safely.

The pressroom was so badly damaged that it was necessary to print the late editions from the World plant. The loss is less than \$50,000. Two firemen were badly injured in fighting the flames.

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## TWO INSPECTORS GO TO LYNCHBURG

Assigned to Catch Up With Work of Department in That District.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., April 18.—Two postal inspectors—Colonel Thomas E. Wall and J. P. Walker, both of whom have been assigned heretofore to the Chicago division, have been transferred to Lynchburg for temporary work, these appointments having been made necessary to take up the work left by Inspector Mitchell, who resigned some two or three months ago, and who is now living in Washington.

While it is not known what the purpose of the secret service department of the post-office is, it is not thought that two inspectors will be located here permanently, and that after these officials are able to catch up with the work, one of them, evidently, will be sent to another point.

That an inspector is to be kept in Lynchburg permanently is indicated by the fact that an office has been provided for such an official in the new government building.

This office is connected with a "look out" in the new building, from which the inspector can at any time watch the attaches of the office without his presence being detected.

Inspectors Wall and Walker are already at work here in an effort to catch up with the routine work of the department in this district.

A report current on the streets to-day to the effect that the American Tobacco Company, or some of its allied interests, is endeavoring to secure control of the Bonasack Machine Company and incidentally the United Cigarette Machine Company, is denied to-day by stockholders of these companies, who are in a position to know whereof they speak.

It is reported that an offer has been made for a controlling interest in the stock at \$400 a share. The stock is valued at about \$200 now, late sales having been made as high as \$192.

### SEEK CLUE TO MISSING GIRL.

Detectives on Trail of Miss Mabel Glascock, of Florida, Ind.

Indianapolis, April 18.—Private detectives to-day took up the search for Miss Mabel Glascock, of Florida, Ind., the Indiana University student who has been missing since she left a local hotel last Saturday. The detectives, who were employed by the girl's father, Oliver N. Glascock, after he had failed to find any trace of his daughter, said they hoped to have the girl located by to-night.

The father believes his daughter is ill and unable to communicate with her home or has been abducted.

**Prisoners Must Labor.**

Denver, April 18.—Chief of Police O'Neill to-day made preparations to put some of the 100 industrial workers of the World in jail here, serving sentences for vagrancy, to work repairing streets and building sidewalks.

**Optimistic Flood Reports.**

Memphis, Tenn., April 18.—Optimistic reports were received to-night from the several points south of Memphis, where the levees had been reported as weakening under the pressure of the Mississippi River flood. Near Beulah, Miss., where the situation has been especially acute, the embankment has been reinforced, and those directing the fight declare themselves as confident that it will hold. Similar reports were received from Modoc, Westover and Old Town, danger points along the White River front near Helena, Ark.

**Lost Vessel Is Found.**

Tacoma, Wash., April 18.—The cannery schooner Sadie F. Callar lost at sea eighteen years ago has been called back from the port of missing ships. Walter McCarty, of this city, a diver, "stumbled" upon the vessel in sixty feet of water near Chignik Lagoon, Alaska, recently and is preparing to take out of the wrecked vessel \$50,000 in tin bullion, with which she is laden. He is on his way back to Alaska to-day to salvage the cargo of the Callar.

**Wife Slayer Pays Penalty.**

Columbia, S. C., April 18.—Charles P. Rushing, White, of Chesterfield County, was electrocuted at the State prison here at 11:54 o'clock this morning for the murder of his wife several months ago.

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Bloodhounds Sent to Scene of Train's Derailment.

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